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Date: January 19, 2002

Re: Justice Department's handling of the Microsoft Case

● Comments: Please see attached letter directed to Attorney General John Ashcroft.

This case should be closed before the government ruins the company the their industry.

Thank you

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January 19, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

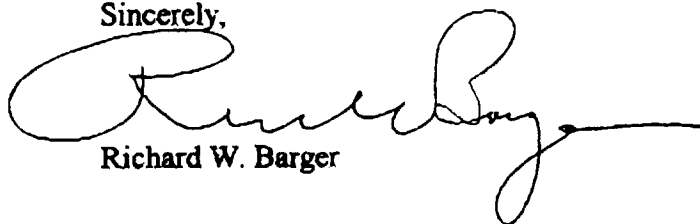
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen of this great nation, I am writing to inform you of my thoughts on the settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft Corporation. I support the settlement, since it will bring this three-year ordeal to an end.

The settlement was reached after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. Microsoft did not get off easy by agreeing to this settlement. For example, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

Also, Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including the price. Please discontinue any legal action against Microsoft, so the company can move forward in developing new products for the consumer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard W. Barger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard W. Barger